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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/291,832	Applicant(s) Wolfgang et al.
Examiner Jean Lesperance	Art Unit 2674

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 17, 2001

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 26-50 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 26-50 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 26-50 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 26-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over patent # RE.32,521 ("Fergason") in view of patent # 5,317,140 ("Dunthorn").

As for claims 26-50, Fergason teaches the outer transparent plates 36, 37 have an electrical conducting 39 on their inner surface (column 5, lines 43-64) corresponding to a transparent cover plate, an appropriate collar 42 functions as a perimeter seal and support for a liquid crystal cell unit 35 (column 5, lines 43-64) corresponding to a transparent support plate and at least one photodetector that is mounted on the support plate and that has a photosensitive solid angle range so that the support plate lies in the photosensitive solid angle range (column 7, lines 37-50), a liquid crystal layer is confined between parallel transparent plates (column 4, lines 1-19) corresponding to an electrochromic cell or a liquid crystal cell located between the transparent cover plate and the transparent support plate, a radiation source radiation source arranged on at least one end face of the transparent cover plate so that light of the radiation

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source can enter and illuminate the cover plate (column 9, lines 5-11). Accordingly, Fergason teaches all the claimed limitations as was recited in claims 26-50 with the exception of providing a display device with touch sensor.

However, Dunthorn teaches a touch sensing device senses that the display has actually been touched during a period of valid display (column 16, lines 31-39).

It would have been obvious to utilize the touch sensing device as taught by Dunthorn in the light modulator demodulator disclosed by Fergason because this would allow the touch sensing device to optically determine the position of an object within a generally planar viewing field.

Response to Amendment

Applicant's arguments filed on -17-2001 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argued that the prior art used, Harassin, does not teach a system in which triangulation is employed to determine the location of a pointer within a generally planar viewing field. Examiner agrees but the other prior art cited teaches a system provided for optically determine the position of an object within a generally planar viewing field (column 5, lines 1-23). Therefore the rejection stands as was rejected in the previous office action.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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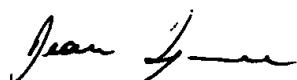
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean Lesperance whose telephone number is (703) 308-6414. The examiner can normally be reached on from Monday to Friday between 8:00AM and 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe, can be reached on (703) 305-4709 . The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-6606.

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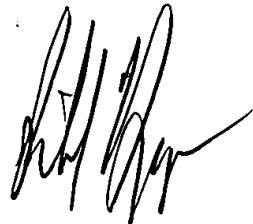
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